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1. A train carrying two tanks and troops wearing red-bordered, black epaulets, some with tank insignia, in five boxcars was observed at the Nossen railroad station on 14 April 1950. The train proceeded toward Leisnig. (1)

2. a. A train carrying at least ten T34 tanks,   was observed at the Weissenfels railroad station on 17 April 1950. The train had come from a northerly direction.

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b. A south-bound train carrying about 15 T34 tanks was seen between Weissenfels and Merseburg on the same day. (2)

(1)   Comment: Probably a shipment of a tank unit of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, returning from a short field exercise to its military post. Similar reports were received from other military posts of this division. (3)

(2)   Comment: Shipments of Halle tank units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div presumably effected in connection with the rail movement of component units of this division to the Eisenach-Kindel troop training grounds. (4)

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